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In re application of: Rao et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/649,269

Group Art Unit: 2184

FILING DATE: August 27, 2003

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Enclosed is a preliminary amendment in the above-identified patent application.

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Total Claims	31	MINUS 20 =	11	x \$50 =	\$550
Independent Claims	5	MINUS 3 =	2	x \$200 =	\$400
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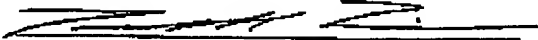
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